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#### WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE SAYING

In the last few issues we have been giving our readers the benefit of editorials from papers supporting the two great parties in this country. It may not be amiss for them to know what is being said by some of those who are neither republicans nor democrats, or either as suits their fancy. The following editorial is from the Dearborn Independent, Ford's International weekly:

"Disappointed by the utter absence of public spirit and responsibility in the national conventions of the Republican and Democratic parties, the independent American people have succumbed to a sense of deep disgust for partisan politics in general. This is a most wholesome reaction and it would promise well for the nation, were there not danger of a further reaction toward apathy.

The politicians count more confidently than the people realize on that interval of time which stretches between the summer conventions and the November election. If the election were to be held today, and if the law required half the number of votes to be cast as were cast at the last Presidential election before a candidate could be chosen, there would not be enough votes cast today to elect either of the candidates to the office for which the parties have chosen them.

The Republican Convention was openly and shamelessly dominated by the financial representatives of the powers that pull governmental influences like strings. The party's own methods were clogged and soiled with shameless money scandals. Progressivism and clean republicanism were snubbed, insulted and crushed at every turn. The delegates were enchained, wearied, driven and deceived. And the candidate who emerged from this chaos was even more colorless than the Republican Platform, if anything more colorless can be conceived.

The Democratic Convention was, if anything, a degree worse, because there was an attempt made at San Francisco which had no parallel at Chicago—the convention was at least given a flaming opportunity to declare its adherence to the moral advance made by the American people with regard to the liquor traffic. But the hand of the defunct and disgraceful whisky business was heavy upon the men who controlled that convention. Paid agents, who were both public officials and private retainers, were in evidence everywhere. There was no question, not even the League of Nations, which received the slavish attention which booze received. The whole convention resembled more a "hang over" from the saloon regime than a gathering of American citizens selected to formulate policies for the solution of the problems which harass the nation and the world. And a candidate, as unknown and as amenable to control as the Republican candidate, was put forth for the high office of President.

The defeat of McAdoo and the defeat of the movement to insert a wet plank in the platform were the two strong actions of the Democratic Convention, but these were neutralized by the selection of Cox. The McAdoo candidacy was one of the most cleverly engineered pieces of political shrewdness in the party annals of the United States. That it was heavily financed is a foregone conclusion, but the utmost endeavors of skilled investigators failed to reveal its source, that is, with a degree of certainty that would justify public exposure. Its source, however, is generally known, and the defeat of a man; it was the defeat of a group whose exposure and the destruction of whose power is the most needed reform in the United States and the world today.

There is now no choice whatever

between Republican and Democratic candidates, between Republican and Democratic platforms, or, for that matter, between Republican Republican and Democratic parties. The people have been treated like children; their highest hopes have been flouted; their best beliefs have been buried beneath mountains of partisan lush and filth.

The question is, Will the people stand it? Have they submitted to so much bulldozing at the hands of the politicians and the parties, that they have lost their sense of ownership of their own government?

There is no question whatever about the widespread public disgust; the question is, How will it emerge? Will it die down into apathy or will it flame forth into apathy, or will it flame forth into the protest of a Citizens' Movement with a Citizens' Candidate?

It is very doubtful that any party today has the definite cohesion of other years. We hear everlasting talk about "the party" from both Democrats and Republicans. But where is it? It appears that the "party" consists of the men who meet in national convention, and no one else. These "parties" do what they please and then go out and bid for the suffrages of the American people.

There is no reason whatever why the choice of the American people should be limited to Cox or Harding, to the spineless Republican platform or the dead Democratic platform. The American people are too big, their problems too pressing, to permit them to stand on either platform.

Third parties have fallen into disrepute because their sole purpose heretofore has been to boost somebody into office; when they failed to do that they were cast aside. Theodore Roosevelt led out of the Republican party the best blood in it, the young men of the party whose ideals had not been besmirched and whose loyalty to their country had not been weakened by party shackles. But when they proved to be numerically too weak to elect him, although they were morally so strong as to throw a creative shock into the conscience and will of the nation, he left them and went back. Since that failure, which was the failure of an individual and not a movement, third parties have been regarded with doubts.

But a movement of the American people, in rebuke of both the subservient Democratic and Republican parties, would not be the usual "third party"—it would be the Nation seizing again its own control out of unworthy hands.

The old parties have no divine right. What a party convention does, need not be received loyally, as if it were an act of government. The people now know—all of the people know—that the last two national conventions were deliberate caucuses, secret in their real work, for the purpose of "putting over" on the people something that the people do not want, and against which they will be in rebellion before another four years.

Whether the people will take supinely what is given them, or exercise their free power to name their own candidate and make their own platform; whether they will require that their nose be rubbed still deeper in the contempt which the politicians at once, is for the immediate future to reveal.

Will there be a clean-up at Washington under Cox or under Harding? Certainly there will be no ouster of the secret rulers of the United States under a Republican or a Democratic regime.

If the people want a clean-up, they must act at once, they must act deliberately, they must act without reference to the precedent set by the discredited parties, and they must act with a confidence in their supreme control over all their affairs."

#### SENATOR E. D. SMITH

(From Raleigh News and Observer)  
 South Carolina has had a sensational page in the political history of the country, but in all of its novel story it has not contributed anything that has a deeper significance than the origin of the port facilities plank in the Democratic platform, of which Senator Ellison D. Smith, of South Carolina, is the fathering influence. Senator Smith has been active in the practical things that help his nation and his section. He was one of the original organizers of the cotton association movement, and for a number of years he served the South in the field work with the organization

of the association. When he came to the election for the Senate in 1908 his vote was the biggest his State had given for this office, showing the appreciation in which the people of his State had held his work. In Congress his committee assignments show the bent of his work. They include the committees on railroads, manufacturers, interstate commerce, agriculture and forestry, and he is chairman of the committee on conservation of natural resources, every one of them a practical working committee that comes directly to the welfare of the country.

As an active member of these industrial and commercial committees Senator Smith has a chance to see the needs of the country in its production, distribution and foreign commercial relations, and he has the conception that realizes the absolute necessity of making our railroads and harbors serve the requirements of both domestic and foreign trade. Considerable that has been brilliant has been written by Senators from South Carolina in the story of the country. The State has contributed its share of the sensation in its day. But never has her representation in Washington showed a more comprehensive association with the practical necessities of the country than Senator Smith is exhibiting in his committee work, and the earnestness with which he undertakes to make that work count. South Carolina feels a great pride in the names that have represented the State in the federal Senate in the past, but by the time her present delegation there has concluded the tasks laid out for the members it is possible a new claim to conspicuous service, and in a new line, will have been registered. The nation as a whole and the South as a section can help affairs along by backing and encouraging Senator Smith in the work he is doing.

#### BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

Often you have heard that told but rarely has it been applicable to a minister and a wedding ceremony. Usually the preacher is the first to arrive for a wedding after the old maid guests. In fact next to the groom he has sanguinary expectations of getting something good—at least his wife has, we believe it to be the custom for the ministers in our parts to give the wedding fees to their wives along with their regular salary check.

The difference is that the wife sometimes gets a wedding fee in the middle of the month while she has to wait until the first of the month for the salary check. This fact may have had considerably bearing on the promptness with which the minister bedecks himself and his or at the call of the wedding bells.

What we started out to say that we have in our midst a minister who came near missing his fee and the adorable pleasure of marrying a mighty pretty girl to a mighty ugly man one day this week. The wedding had been planned for 4 p. m. and everything was in readiness at that hour except the knot-tyer. The groom began to fidget at 4:05, to show signs of extreme nervousness at 4:06, to look out the window at 4:07, to walk the floor at 4:08 and at 4:10 he could stand it no longer and asked someone present to telephone that preacher to know whether he was waiting for his fee in advance or was he ill or was he coming at all. "Tell

IF YOU'VE GOTTA FRIEND SOMEWHERE WHO USTA LIVE HERE, WHY DONCHA SEND 'EM TH PAPER FER A YEAR? NOTHIN' YA KIN QD WILL PLEASE 'EM MORE!



## Fools And Their Money

The old proverb says, "A fool and his money are soon parted."

This is America's greatest folly-year—the year when people part with their money recklessly and wastefully.

These spendthrifts are largely responsible for the high cost of living because they eagerly advance the cost of high living.

"Fools and their money are soon parted," while the thrifty save and have.

Don't be like those referred to above. Money is not worth much NOW, or at least a dollar will not buy very much of anything at this time. But the time will come; and that in only a few years, when a dollar will be worth a hundred cents—and the man who has the dollars then, will be on "easy street," and his family will be well-cared for. Begin to **Save Right now**, and deposit your money in the

**COUNTY SAVINGS BANK**  
 and receive 5 Per Cent. Interest Compounded Quarterly. One Dollar opens an account and then you will be surprised to see how fast your account will grow if you will add a small amount every week or every month.

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him just anything" said the groom only get him here p. d. q.

The phone did the work and directly the preacher came hustling around the corner, out of breath and apologetic. He stammered out some sort of explanation about getting the time mixed but the groom didn't want explanations; he wanted to get married and so informed the breathless minister. The minister got on the job and soon fixed things up in ship shape for the impatient couple.

We aren't going to call any names, for ordinarily this particular preacher is very prompt and always capable of tying a knot fast and hard but to prospective patients of his we would suggest that they write down the minute, hour and date they expect his services and have him paste them in his hat.

#### GEO. M. WRIGHT QUITS GOLDVILLE COTTON MILL

A dispatch from Laurens states that George M. Wright, president and general manager of Banna Manufacturing company at Goldville, has resigned and his resignation has been accepted, effective Aug. 1. Mr. Wright took charge of the Banna plant in 1907, which was at that time only a 5,000 spindle yarn mill. Today the mill contains 15,000 spindles and in addition a weave room containing 350 looms has been added.

Mr. Wright was elected president and general manager of the Watts mill, Laurens, a year ago and he proposes to devote the whole of his time to that mill.

Mr. Wright is well known in Abbeville where both he and Mrs. Wright have many friends who are glad that they are moving nearer the city. Mrs. Wright was Miss Jennie White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George White of Chestnut street.

#### COTTON CONDITION IMPROVES GENERALLY

Temperature Remains Close To Normal With Abundance Of Rainfall In South.

Washington, July 22.—With temperatures remaining close to normal together with an abundance of rain-

fall in most of the Southern states the condition of cotton improved generally throughout the belt, according to the weekly weather and crop bulletin made public today.

Heavy to excessive rain occurred in a few places which unfavorably affected the progress of cotton and delayed cultivation, the report said, especially affecting the crop in central and northern North Carolina. The weather was too dry for the crop in western Texas and parts of Alabama.

Good or excellent growth was shown in South Carolina, the report said, while the improvement made in Florida the past week was maintained. In Alabama and Tennessee very good progress was made while only a fair showing was made in Mississippi. Cotton made excellent progress in Arkansas, Texas and parts of Oklahoma.

Weevil damage increased in the southern part of the belt wherever frequent rains occurred the reports

#### DOUBLE SENSATION IN COTTON MARKET

Advance in July to Highest Price Ever Touched in Futures New Crop Break

New York, July 22.—A double sensation featured today's cotton market.

The first was an advance in July contract to 43.75 the highest price ever touch by a future contract on any exchange of the country. This upturn was due to covering of shorts.

In direct contrast was a violent break in new crop positions in the late afternoon resulting in a net decline of 125 to 150 points the close being weak and the lowest level of the day.

October sold at 33.20 and December at 31.50. This break was precipitated by heavy stop loss and liquidation following rumors of a bearish National Ginners' condition figure and reports that a number of Fall River mills would close for the balance of the week as well as reported financial disturbances in China.

**FOR SALE**—One carload Galvanized Roofing. The L. W. White Co. 7-23

#### BOWIE-BLANCHETT

Miss Ida Bowie and Mr. E. L. Blanchett were married Tuesday evening at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. L. J. Bristow.

#### MRS. R. I. MANNING CHOSEN FOR PLACE

Wife of Former Governor On National Committee

The State.  
 Mrs. R. I. Manning of Columbia was elected national committee woman at the meeting of the national Democratic convention held in San Francisco a few days ago, according to reports of members of the South Carolina delegation, who have returned to Columbia during the past few days.

At the convention a resolution was adopted calling upon the various state delegations to elect a woman as a member of the national delegation at this meeting nominated and elected Mrs. Manning.

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## WANTS

**FOR SALE**—One car load galvanized Roofing. The L. W. White Co.

**WANTED**—Live wire to sell Briscoe Automobiles in your territory. J. H. HAM, Distributor, Charlotte N. C. 7, 19, 3tc

**LOST**—Child's string of gold beads between Methodist church and Eureka Hotel. If found please return to this office. 7, 19-3tc, pd.

**WANTED**—Reliable man with Ford car to make some money in Abbeville County selling a Belt and Feed Mill attachment for Fords. Address F. A. JOHNSON, Edgefield, S. C., until August 1st. 7, 19-3tpd.